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Nunes helps new Majority Leader take office

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After months of speculation and uncertainty, the House Republican Conference elected a new Majority Leader to replace Rep. Tom DeLay, who was the victim of partisan accusations leveled by Texas prosecutor Ronnie Earle. As a result on February 2nd, the Conference elected Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) to be the new Majority Leader.

From the start of the campaign, Rep. Devin Nunes was one of Mr. Boehner's closest allies and top lieutenants who actively worked to gather support for the candidacy. "Devin was one of the first Members I called after I announced my bid, and his early support was critical in my efforts to win the House Majority Leader job," said Rep. Boehner. He also added, "Nunes was especially important in securing the support from many of his colleagues from California."

Rep. Nunes spent the weeks prior to the election working the phones to gauge member's support and helping the Boehner team craft a winning strategy. While the task of gaining endorsements from 117 colleagues wasn't easy, for Rep. Nunes the decision was simple, "Boehner's policy experience as Chairman of the Education and Workforce Commit-



Rep. Devin Nunes speaks with new Majority Leader John Boehner about San Joaquin Valley issues.

tee coupled with his prior stint in Leadership as the Chairman of the Republican Conference make him a natural fit for the job," Nunes said. "He is someone that I have had the opportunity to get to know very well in Washington, and I trust his ability to lead this Majority and Congress in the months ahead."

The election for Majority Leader had three candidates, Rep. Boehner, Majority Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ). A candidate needed support from a majority of the Republican Conference members, 117, in order to win the position. On the first ballot none of the candi-

dates received the requisite amount therefore the candidate with the lowest vote total was removed for the next ballot. Mr. Boehner succeeded on the second ballot with 122 votes.

Rep. Boehner, one of twelve brothers and sisters in a Roman Catholic family, represents the 8th District of Ohio which is located in the west end of the state. After graduating from Xavier University, Mr. Boehner opened a small business and became involved in politics. At the age of 34, he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives where he sat until being elected to the U.S. Congress in 1990.

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